

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Roller

### A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ione Youngblood of Warren County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Ione Youngblood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Youngblood was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she possessed an indomitable will which served as an inspiration to many others; the only child of former Sheriff and County Judge Eldridge Youngblood and his wife, Pauline, Ms. Youngblood was struck with polio at a young age and spent most of her life confined to a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, Ione Youngblood served with acumen and alacrity as a history teacher in Warren County for more than thirty years, in earning the respect of her peers, superiors, and students for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, she will also be fondly remembered for her generous spirit as, in death, she continues to provide support for various causes and organizations; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent person whose generosity knew no bounds, Ms. Youngblood donated over \$1.2 million, the bulk of her estate, to various charities, including the Magness Library, Families in Crisis, the Humane Society, the National Arthritis Foundation, and the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Magness Library plans to use its donation to pay for a much-needed expansion, and the Humane Society will use its proceeds to pay for various programs, such as buying doghouses and paying veterinary bills for injured animals; and

WHEREAS, Families in Crisis will use the donation to pay for staff education and renovate the domestic violence shelter, while the Shriners Hospitals for Children will continue

their efforts to provide children with special pediatric care with their portions of the donation; the Shriners Hospitals for Children also honored Ms. Youngblood by placing her name on a permanent plaque at the hospital's marble philanthropic wall; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Youngblood was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated tremendous musical ability as a member of the singing group The Barbersharps; and

WHEREAS, lone Youngblood was also deeply devoted to her community, and she always endeavored to remain true to values of the highest order; she will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by her many students, countless friends, and an appreciative community; and

WHEREAS, lone Youngblood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of lone Youngblood, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the loved ones of Ms. Youngblood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.